



Office of the Governor

STATE OF WYOMING EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT EXECUTIVE ORDER

Order 2013-3
(Supplements 2011-5)

GREATER SAGE-GROUSE CORE AREA – GRAZING ADJUSTMENTS

WHEREAS, coordination among Land Management Agencies when Grazing Adjustments are Believed Necessary to Benefit Greater Sage-Grouse.

NOW, THEREFORE, pursuant to the authority vested in me by the Constitution and Laws of the State, I, Matthew H. Mead, Governor of the State of Wyoming, do hereby issue this Executive Order providing as follows:

1. It is Wyoming's primary premise that grazing activities are compatible with Greater Sage-Grouse conservation and may improve habitat for Greater Sage-Grouse. Grazing is considered a de minimus practice (Executive Order 2011-5, Attachment C). Grazing management practices maintain or enhance Wyoming rangelands. Properly managed rangelands are capable of sustaining viable Greater Sage-Grouse populations and a diversity of plant species appropriate to suitable Greater Sage-Grouse habitat.
2. The State of Wyoming will collaborate with appropriate Federal agencies in defining a framework for evaluating situations to determine if a causal relationship exists between improper grazing (by wildlife or wild horses or livestock) and Greater Sage-Grouse conservation objectives where conservation objectives are not being achieved on federal land. The State of Wyoming will also collaborate with appropriate federal agencies on appropriate site-based action to achieve Greater Sage-Grouse conservation objectives within the framework. Monitoring data will at minimum reflect 5 years of information, include rangeland health assessments and require conclusion or action to be based on 3 out of 5 years of data.

This Executive Order shall remain in effect until August 18, 2015, at which time all provisions of this Executive Order shall be re-evaluated.

Given under my hand and the Executive Seal of the State of Wyoming this 5 day of April, 2013.

A blue ink signature of Matthew H. Mead, written in a cursive style.

Matthew H. Mead
Governor